

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Walter Caron.

2 MR. CARON: Yes. My name is Walter Caron, and I've
3 been employed by Caesar's Palace for the last 10 years as a
4 cook. I was there when Mr. Lanni was part of the executive
5 management.

6 I'm here to testify that the quality of my life has
7 improved since I have been employed in the gaming industry. I
8 moved here from Los Angeles, California, and as you may know,
9 the difference between California and Nevada is that Nevada has
10 an economy that is conducive to higher wages and lower taxes.
11 In this environment I have been able to buy a house, whereas
12 before I was not able to afford one. I've been able to save
13 money. My mother, who was a cocktail waitress here, was able to
14 save and invest in real estate to become well off. I myself am
15 investing in stocks and mutual funds for my retirement and for
16 my daughter, Genevieve's college fund.

17 Since moving to Las Vegas I have made great strides
18 in my personal life. I have, number one, become a born again
19 Christian and am active in my church, the Lake Mead Christian
20 Church and Academy. We have built a school there also. Dr.
21 Dobson, we are all a great fan of you and the focus on the
22 family. I became a registered voter, whereas I didn't even vote
23 before, and I am now a member of the Nevada Republican Party and
24 the Republican National Committee. I have quit a lot of bad
25 habits like drinking and smoking, whereas before I was an
26 alcoholic. Besides being active religiously and politically, I

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1 am now active in my local union, Culinary 226. I've been a
2 committee leader and a shop steward, and I have served on
3 negotiation committees with union contracts with John Wilhelm.

4 In summary, I do not gamble, and as a Christian do
5 not believe in addictive gambling because I know that it can
6 ruin families. However, the gaming industry provides good jobs
7 to help hold families together. I would like to say in closing
8 that I now have an expanded sense of community and I realize
9 more my responsibilities in relation to that community.

10 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

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